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DATA COLLECTION, FORECASTING AND ANALYSIS

REF: A. STATE 132066 B. RUDENKO-BELL LETTER OF JUNE 17.

1. ATTACHE REQUESTED TO INFORM USSR SECRETARIAT OF CHANGE IN
COMPOSITION DATA COLLECTION DELEGATION. MEMBERS ARE BRUCE
GRAHAM, FLETCHER POPE, PHILIP MACKIE, AND JAMES NAIVE. IN ADDITION
USDA WISHES TO INCLUDE LANE PALMER, EDITOR, FARM JOURNAL IN
DELEGATION. PALMER WILL PROBABLY WANT TO DEPART FROM MOSCOW
FOR U.S. ABOUT AUGUST 11 AFTER TEAMS RETURNS FROM FIELD TRIP.
HE WILL ARRIVE WITH TEAM AND ACCOMPANY THROUGHOUT FIELD TRIP.

2. POSSIBILITY OF PALMER'S INCLUSION IN ONE OF U.S. DELEGATION WAS
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DISCUSSED WITH RUNOV DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. RUNOV HAD NO

OBJECTION PROVIDING PALMER ACCCOMPANIED A TEAM SCHEDULED TO VISIT USSR. PALMER IS RESPONSIBLE JOURNALIST WITH GENUINE INTEREST IN US-USSR AGREEMENT AND EDITOR OF FARM JOURNAL, ONE OF LEADING AGRICULTURAL PUBLICATIONS IN U.S. PALMER INTERVIEWED RUNOV IN SPOKANE AND APPEARED ON SAME PROGRAM WITH HIM.

3. SURFACE TRAVEL BY TRAUN OR AUTOMOBILE DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS DESIRED FOR EUROPEAN USSR SEGMENT OF DATA COLLECTION GROUP'S TRIP IF POSSIBLE.

4. SOVIET APPROVAL OF OR RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN DATA COLLECTION GROUP'S ITINERARY REQUESTED PRIOR TO JULY 14. SISCO

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